

March 12, 2001

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

H.B. NO. 52: AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO ESTABLISH A VOCATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM THROUGH WHICH STUDENTS MAY RECEIVE CREDITS TOWARD GRADUATION FOR VOCATIONAL EXPERIENCE; TO PROVIDE THAT STUDENTS IN THE VOCATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM SHALL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE CORE CURRICULUM DEFINED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND MAY EARN ADDITIONAL CREDITS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE VOCATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 11, 2001; 3:30 PM)

H.B. NO. 217: AN ACT TO DESIGNATE A SEGMENT OF MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 613 IN JACKSON COUNTY AS THE "BRUCE WAYNE EVANS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY"; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 11, 2001; 3:31 PM)

H.B. NO. 238: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 57-43-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ABOLISH THE MISSISSIPPI GRADE CROSSING CLOSURE ACCOUNT AND TO TRANSFER THE MONIES IN THE ACCOUNT TO A NEW ACCOUNT TO BE ENTITLED THE MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY-RAILROAD GRADE CROSSING SAFETY ACCOUNT; TO CREATE A NEW CODE SECTION TO BE CODIFIED AS SECTION 57-43-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CREATE THE MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY-RAILROAD GRADE CROSSING SAFETY ACCOUNT; TO PROVIDE THAT A CERTAIN PERCENTAGE OF LOCOMOTIVE FUEL TAX REVENUES SHALL BE DEPOSITED INTO SUCH ACCOUNT; TO AUTHORIZE MONIES IN THE ACCOUNT TO BE EXPENDED BY THE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT FOR HIGHWAY-RAILROAD GRADE CROSSING CLOSURES AND INSTALLATION OR UPGRADE OF HIGHWAY-RAILROAD GRADE CROSSINGS SIGNALS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 11, 2001; 3:31 PM)

H.B. NO. 301: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-13-107, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE OFFICERS TO OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION FOR THEIR ANNUAL COURSE OF TRAINING AND EDUCATION FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION RATHER THAN THE JUDICIAL COLLEGE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 11, 2001; 3:32 PM)

H.B. NO. 354: AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REVENUE MAXIMIZATION CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO BY STATE AGENCIES MUST CONTAIN AN INDEMNIFICATION PROVISION THAT HOLDS THE CONTRACTOR LIABLE TO THE STATE FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF ALL FEDERAL FUNDS THAT THE STATE MAY BE REQUIRED TO REPAY TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AS A RESULT OF ANY ACTIONS TAKEN UNDER THE CONTRACT BY THE CONTRACTOR ON BEHALF OF THE AGENCY OR ANY ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE AGENCY AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CONTRACTOR; TO PROVIDE THAT IF A REVENUE MAXIMIZATION CONTRACT DOES NOT CONTAIN THE INDEMNIFICATION PROVISION AS REQUIRED, THE INDEMNIFICATION REQUIREMENT WILL BE CONSIDERED TO BE PART OF THE CONTRACT BY OPERATION OF LAW; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 11, 2001; 3:33 PM)

H.B. NO. 443: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 57-75-29, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH CREATES THE YELLOW CREEK REGIONAL PROJECT BOARD, TO EXTEND THE DATE OF REPEAL FROM JUNE 30, 2001, TO JUNE 30, 2002; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 11, 2001; 3:34 PM)

H.B. NO. 449: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 43-35-504, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXTEND THE DATE OF THE REPEALER FROM JULY 1, 2001, TO JULY 1, 2002, ON THE PROHIBITION AGAINST THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MAKING A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT TO A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO AN EXISTING PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM UNLESS THE SYSTEM IS VIABLE OR MAY BECOME VIABLE AS A RESULT OF THE GRANT OR AN EXTREME EMERGENCY EXISTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 11, 2001; 3:35 PM)

H.B. NO. 458: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 31-3-14, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE BOARD OF CONTRACTORS TO DISTRIBUTE FUNDS FROM THE CONSTRUCTION EDUCATION FUND TO THE MISSISSIPPI CONSTRUCTION EDUCATION FOUNDATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 11, 2001; 3:36 PM)

H.B. NO. 460: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-32-71, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONTINUE THE OPERATION OF THE MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC DEFENDER TASK FORCE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 11, 2001; 3:37 PM)

H.B. NO. 465: AN ACT TO REENACT SECTION 81-3-12, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH CREATES THE STATE BOARD OF BANKING REVIEW AND PRESCRIBES ITS DUTIES AND POWERS; TO REPEAL SECTION 81-3-14, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH IS A REPEALER ON THE CODE SECTION CREATING THE STATE BOARD OF BANKING REVIEW AND PRESCRIBING ITS DUTIES AND POWERS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 11, 2001; 3:38 PM)

H.B. NO. 513: AN ACT TO REENACT SECTION 99-15-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL FOR INDIGENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 20, CHAPTER 575,

LAWS OF 1998, AS AMENDED BY SECTION 2, CHAPTER 375, LAWS OF 1999, AS AMENDED BY SECTION 2, CHAPTER 332, LAWS OF 2000, TO EXTEND THE DATE OF REPEAL FROM JULY 1, 2001, TO JULY 1, 2002, ON THE APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL OF INDIGENTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 11, 2001; 3:40 PM)

H.B. NO. 642: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 83-21-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REMOVE THE PROHIBITION AGAINST NONRESIDENT INSURANCE AGENTS OWNING AN INTEREST IN A MISSISSIPPI AGENCY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 11, 2001; 3:41 PM)

H.B. NO. 643: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 83-6-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE INSURANCE COMPANIES TO RECEIVE WRITTEN APPROVAL FROM THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER BEFORE DISTRIBUTING EXTRAORDINARY DIVIDENDS; TO ELIMINATE THE THIRTY-DAY WAITING PERIOD FOR THE COMMISSIONER'S RESPONSE BEFORE DISTRIBUTION; TO PROVIDE THAT THE INSURER MAY PAY EXTRAORDINARY DIVIDENDS IF THE COMMISSIONER HAS NOT DISAPPROVED SUCH PAYMENT WITHIN FORTY-FIVE DAYS AFTER HE RECEIVES THE WRITTEN REQUEST FOR APPROVAL; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 11, 2001; 3:42 PM)

H.B. NO. 645: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 83-37-31, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ALLOW THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE TO PLACE A BURIAL ASSOCIATION IN RECEIVERSHIP IF THE ASSOCIATION FAILS TO COMPLY WITH CERTAIN LICENSING PROVISIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 11, 2001; 3:43 PM)

H.B. NO. 655: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 83-6-27, 83-19-75 AND 83-19-77, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ELIMINATE REFERENCES TO REPEALED STATUTES IN CERTAIN INSURANCE REGULATIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 11, 2001; 3:44 PM)

H.B. NO. 664: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 75-57-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE CERTAIN STANDARDS CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF THE LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM AND COMPRESSED GAS INDUSTRY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 11, 2001; 3:45 PM)

H.B. NO. 728: AN ACT TO REPEAL SECTION 49-15-98, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROHIBITS OPERATING COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSELS AT NIGHT WITHOUT DISPLAYING THE LIGHTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 11, 2001; 3:45 PM)

H.B. NO. 869: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 93-21-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ALLOW THE WAIVER OF FILING FEES IN DOMESTIC ABUSE CASES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 11, 2001; 3:46 PM)

H.B. NO. 872: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 93-21-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE LENGTH OF PROTECTIVE ORDERS IN DOMESTIC ABUSE CASES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 11, 2001; 3:48 PM)

H.B. NO. 908: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-3-82, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS RELATING TO EXTORTION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 11, 2001; 3:49PM)

H.B. NO. 955: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-37, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ENHANCE OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO REGISTER TO VOTE; TO AUTHORIZE THE REGISTRAR OF EACH COUNTY TO VISIT EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REGISTERING TO VOTE ANY PERSON WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THE COUNTY; TO PROVIDE THAT REGISTRARS SHALL PROVIDE MAIL-IN APPLICATIONS TO REGISTER TO VOTE TO STUDENTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 12, 2001; 7:47 AM)

H.B. NO. 964: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 75-33-33, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE SHALL PAY THE FULL COSTS FOR INSPECTION SERVICES OF QUAIL AND RABBIT PROCESSING PLANTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 12, 2001; 7:48 AM)

H.B. NO. 1000: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 43-13-117, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT NURSING FACILITY SERVICES FOR THE SEVERELY DISABLED WILL BE MEDICAID REIMBURSABLE; TO PROVIDE THAT THOSE SERVICES MUST BE PROVIDED IN A LONG-TERM CARE NURSING FACILITY DEDICATED TO THE CARE AND TREATMENT OF PERSONS WITH SEVERE DISABILITIES; TO PROVIDE THAT THOSE SERVICES SHALL BE REIMBURSED AS A SEPARATE CATEGORY OF NURSING FACILITIES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 11, 2001; 3:50 PM)

H.B. NO. 1027: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-15-18, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE NURSING WORKFORCE PROGRAM AND THE OFFICE OF NURSING WORKFORCE WILL ESTABLISH SYSTEMS TO ENSURE AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF NURSES TO MEET THE HEALTH CARE NEEDS OF THE CITIZENS OF MISSISSIPPI; TO PROVIDE THAT THE NURSING WORKFORCE PROGRAM AND THE OFFICE OF NURSING WORKFORCE WILL BE ESTABLISHED AND IMPLEMENTED ONLY IF SUFFICIENT FUNDS ARE APPROPRIATED TO OR OTHERWISE AVAILABLE TO THE BOARD OF NURSING FOR THAT PURPOSE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 11, 2001; 3:51 PM)

H.B. NO. 1028: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 43-20-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS AND PROVIDE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS UNDER THE CHILD CARE FACILITY LICENSURE LAW; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 12, 2001; 7:48 AM)

H.B. NO. 1327: AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE AUTHORIZATION OF CERTAIN TIDELAND FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO JACKSON COUNTY FOR THE GRAVELINE BAYOU PROJECT AND TO PROVIDE THAT UNEXPENDED FUNDS MAY BE USED AS AUTHORIZED; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 11, 2001; 3:52 PM)

H.B. NO. 1329: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-143-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE LIST OF STATE HEALTH

INSTITUTIONS IN WHICH A PERSON MAY WORK TO REPAY A LOAN RECEIVED UNDER THE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONS' LOAN PROGRAM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 11, 2001; 3:54 PM)

H.B. NO. 1342: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 7-1-355, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DESIGNATE THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AS THE SOLE ADMINISTRATOR OF PROGRAMS FOR WHICH THE STATE IS THE PRIME SPONSOR UNDER CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT OF 1998; TO CLARIFY CERTAIN REFERENCES TO FEDERAL LAW; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 11, 2001; 3:55 PM)

H.B. NO. 1344: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 27-55-49, 27-55-557, 27-57-39 AND 27-59-53, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE TAX COMMISSION TO PROVIDE CERTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING THE MANUFACTURE, RECEIPT, SALE, USE, TRANSPORTATION OR SHIPMENT OF MOTOR FUELS TO DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF MOTOR FUEL TAXES; TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE TAX COMMISSION TO PROVIDE CERTAIN DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION TO SUCH AGENCIES OR DEPARTMENTS; TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE TAX COMMISSION TO PLACE SUCH INFORMATION IN A NATIONAL DATA BASE OR CLEARINGHOUSE TO FACILITATE THE EXCHANGE OF SUCH INFORMATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 11, 2001; 3:56 PM)

Respectfully submitted,

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